

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- Nipples only need a small hole for young kittens to nurse out of. You can sterilize a pin head or needle to poke the initial hole. Holes that are too big can cause the kitten to choke or aspirate milk.
- If milk comes of the kitten's nose during feeding, STOP feeding and turn the kitten nose toward the ground and allow gravity to help the fluid escape.
  Check the hole on the bottle and the position of the kitten.
- If kittens are too weak to eat on their own or appear to be declining, seek veterinary advice immediately.
- Warm water bottles can act in place of a heating pad, but need to be checked regularly to make sure they stay warm.
- Opened milk needs to be kept in the refrigerator, discard milk that was in bottles left over from previous feedings because it can grow harmful bacteria.

Keep kittens separate from other animals in the home and always wash and sanitize your hands before and after touching them. Without vaccinations or maternal antibodies they are at a higher risk of disease and infections.